



Lake Park Villager

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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

November 6 – 7:00 PM Common Area Planning Task Force

November 11 – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting

November 20 – 7:00 PM Common Area Planning Task Force

November 24– 7:00 PM Parks and Rec Commission

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ANNUAL LAKE PARK CHILI COOK-OFF

NOVEMBER 1, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK HOA MEETING

NOVEMBER 4, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SINGLES (AGES 45+)

NOVEMBER 6, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SAGES

NOVEMBER 14, 7:00 PM, AT FUMC ACTIVITY CENTER

LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

NOVEMBER 17, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

Tennis Court Survey

The Parks & Rec Commission is conducting a survey to determine the use of the tennis courts by Lake Park residents. If you use the tennis courts, please take a minute to complete this survey and return to the Town Clerk at the Community Center. If you have questions or further comments, contact Jo Waybright or Virginia Currence at the addresses listed in the Villager. Your input is appreciated.

How often do you use the tennis courts? _____

What days of the week do you prefer to use the courts?

_____ Weekends only? _____

Time of day? Mornings? _____ Afternoons? _____

Comments? _____

Your Vote Counts

Precinct in Lake Park

Tuesday, November 4, is election day, and voting for residents of Lake Park is close and convenient. The Lake Park Community Center is the voting precinct for everyone who resides within the village. The polls will open at 6:30 AM and close at 7:30 PM (NOTE: if you are in line by 7:30, you will be able to vote). So, on the 4th, come out to the Community Center and exercise your right to vote.

October Council Meeting

Highlights from October 14 meeting

The October Village Council meeting began with a public hearing concerning the flood maps. Union County regulates flood plains through an overlay district, and in that capacity manages the flood maps. A representative from the County, Lee Jensen, presented the new map that shows that no private properties in Lake Park are on the 100-year flood plain. Related to this, the Council presented a resolution to adopt the County's flood prevention ordinance and flood plain maps. This resolution satisfies a requirement by FEMA that an ordinance be in force for the municipality prior to allowing flood insurance to be issued for residents. The Council approved this resolution and an intergovernmental agreement giving Union County the ability to administer and enforce the flood damage prevention ordinance within the village. These actions make it possible for all residents to purchase federal flood insurance if they desire it for their property.

The Parks and Recreation Commission presented their plan to refurbish the Christmas lights around the village. The Council voted to approve and to fund the plan that they presented. The Council also approved \$8300 to repair the pond at Alden and Conifer. The

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For Your Information

Village Hosts Mayors

On October 16, Lake Park hosted the Mayors-Commissioners Issues Conference. The Union County Board of Commissioners created this conference for the sole purpose of establishing better vision, understanding, and cooperation among the elected bodies of Union County. During this meeting at the Community Center, the group discussed animal control (specifically a leash law), a sewer moratorium, and road development.

Keycards Distributed

Attached to this edition of the Villager is a keycard that enables your family to receive discounts at participating businesses within Lake Park. Further information on this program can be found on the attached form or on the Village website, www.lakeparknc.gov.

Lake Park's 5th Annual Chili Cook-off

On November 1, the Parks and Recreation Commission will host the Annual Chili Cook-off. You are invited to bring your favorite chili or simply come to taste and judge which creation will be named Lake Park's best. Deadline for entry has been extended to Oct 30th at 5:00 PM.

banks around this pond have been damaged by muskrats. The repairs will include landscaping and installation of rip rap in a manner like that used to successfully discourage muskrat activity at Connie's Pond.

The Village Attorney related that he had been working on finding the proper way to address the unfinished houses around the Town Center. The issue is complicated with questions over current ownership. He will continue to work to find some way to eliminate this problem for the Village.

The Council voted to create a new line item in the budget entitled "Community Center Improvements". This item will contain the funds that will be used for planning possible a future expansion for the Community Center. The Council also opted to appropriate \$4500 from the general fund for this line item.

A Wildlife Worthy Yard

Does your yard provide food, water, shelter and nesting habitat for birds and other wildlife? Do you conserve water or use other eco-friendly practices? You might qualify to be recognized as a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat. The NWF hosts the program to recognize homeowners who create wildlife habitats in their yards and gardens. The requirements include some simple, everyday contributions you may already be making in your garden, such as providing feeders, birdbaths, nesting boxes, shrubs, and wildflowers or using rain barrels and composting yard waste and kitchen scraps. To see how you measure up, visit www.nwf.org/backyard or call 1-800-822-9919.

Council Looks at Parking

The parking ordinance currently in effect for Lake Park states that no cars shall be parked in a manner that will obstruct traffic. This provision was included in the ordinance to allow for the passage of emergency vehicles. Specifically, no car in Lake Park shall be parked unless there is 16 feet of clear unobstructed roadway alongside the vehicle. In alleys, parked vehicles must leave 10 feet of clear roadway. On some roads, this regulation will prevent any cars from parking on the road at all. So, the Council is looking at relaxing this restriction for the following roads: Mayhurst, Kenmore, and the end of Trevor Simpson. On these roads, the Council is considering a requirement of 12 feet of clear road alongside the car.

The Council invites anyone with concerns or questions about this potential change to attend the next Council Meeting. Any comments are welcome during the public comment period at the beginning of the meeting.